### Energy Benchmarking to Identify Efficiency Opportunity in Cleanrooms: The Labs 21 Approach





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# Energy Benchmarking

The Premise:

In Cleanrooms, benchmarks of energy end-use and efficiency of key systems can identify areas for potential efficiency improvement and can be used to set operational targets

### Benefits of Benchmarking

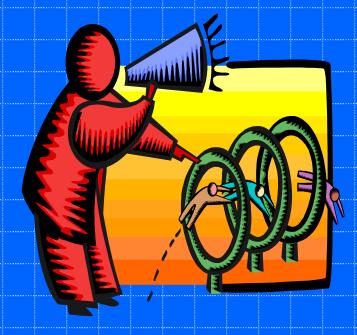
- Establish Baseline to Track Performance
   Over Time
- Prioritize Where to Apply Energy Efficiency Improvement Resources
- Identify Best Practices
- Identify Maintenance and Operational Problems
- Operational Cost Savings

### Labs 21 Approach

- Benchmark energy use in large population of laboratory and cleanroom facilities
- Based upon benchmark results, identify better performing systems
- Identify and document "best practices" used to achieve better performance
- Encourage use of efficiency targets based upon achievable values as determined through benchmarking

# **Energy Benchmarking Tool**

- National database of lab energy use data
  - Web-based input and analysis
  - Currently approximately 40 facilities
  - Building level data (e.g. Site BTU/sf)
  - System level data (e.g. W/cfm)
- Data input requirements
  - Location
  - Type
  - Area
  - Hours of operation
  - Energy use
  - Peak loads
  - System characteristics
  - Efficiency features



# Benchmarking Tool - Data Input

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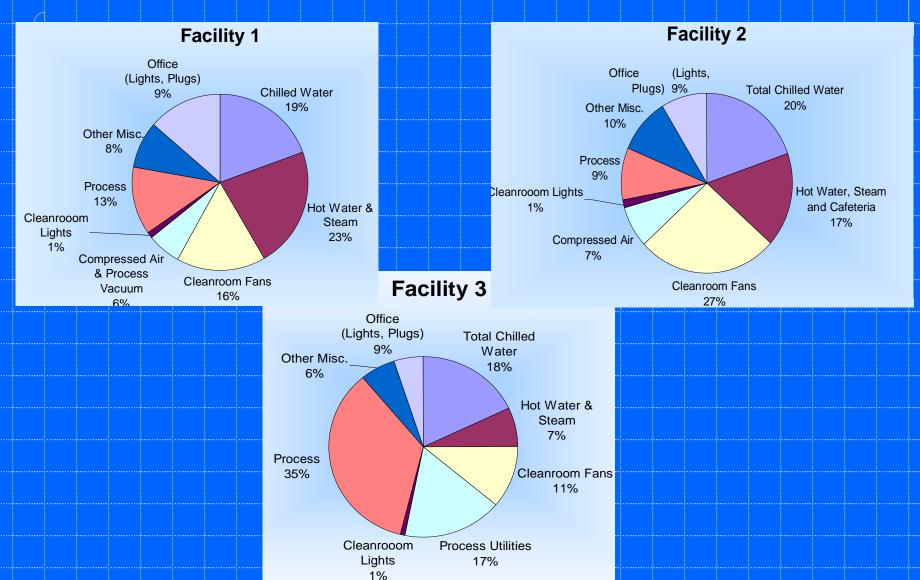
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# Benchmarking Tool - Analysis





# **Energy End Use in Cleanrooms**



# Infrastructure System Efficiency Vs. Production Efficiency

Compare system efficiency regardless of process

 Production efficiency can mask inefficient systems

#### Cleanroom HVAC Metrics

- Air systems cfm/kW
  - Recirculation
  - Make-up
  - Exhaust
- Cleanroom air changes ACH/hr
  - Recirculated, filtered air
  - Outside air (Make-up and Exhaust)
- HEPA air velocity ft/sec

#### Central Plant Metrics

Chilled water efficiency – kW/ton

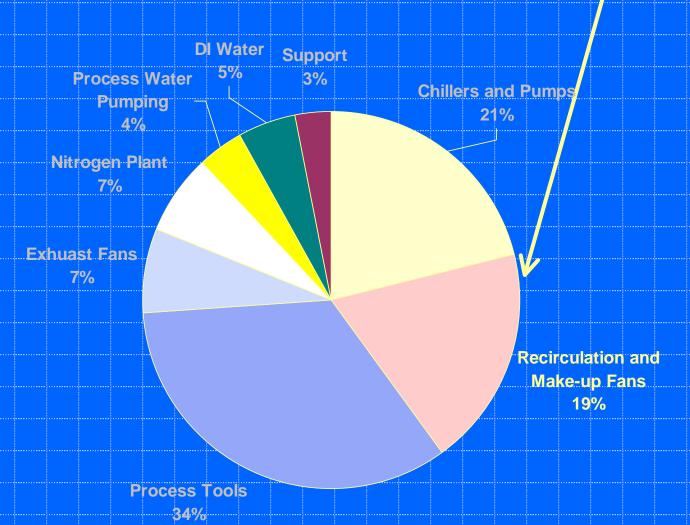
- Cooling tower/fans
- Condenser pump(s)
- Chilled water distribution pump(s)
- chiller

#### Other Metrics

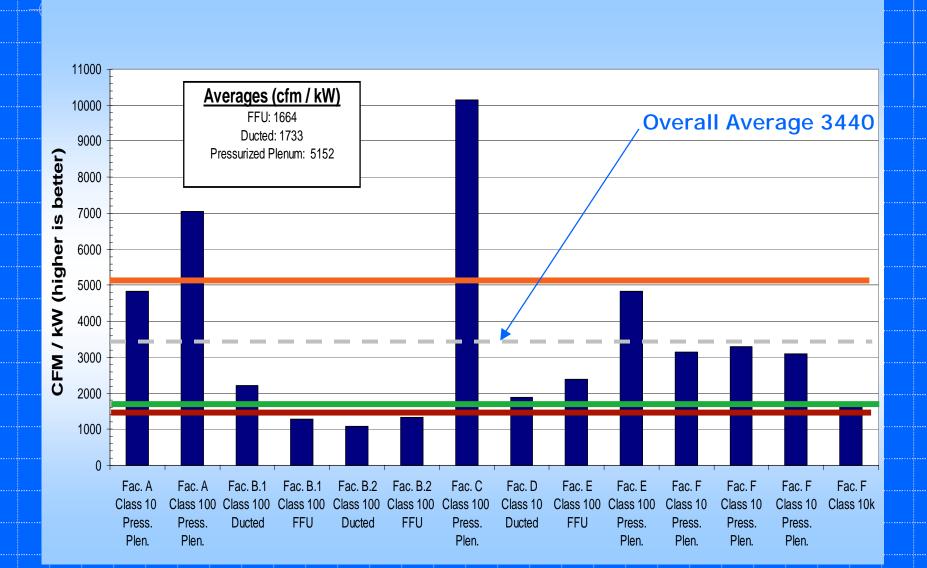
- Lighting W/sq. ft.
- Standby generator losses ave. Wh/yr
- Uninterruptible (UPS) power losses %
- Process systems
- Others?

# Examine Energy Intensive Systems

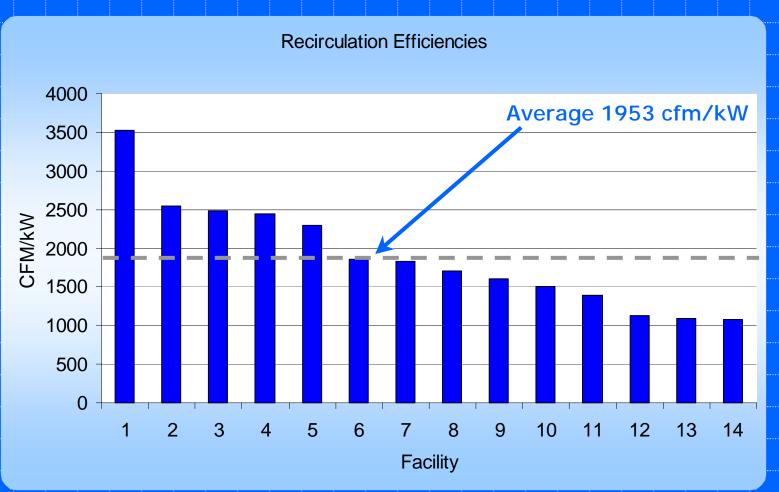
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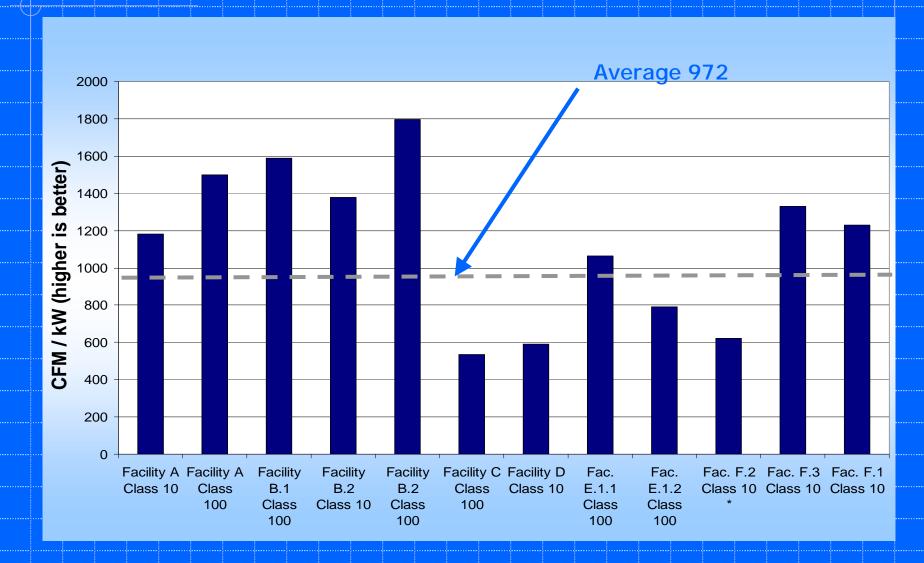
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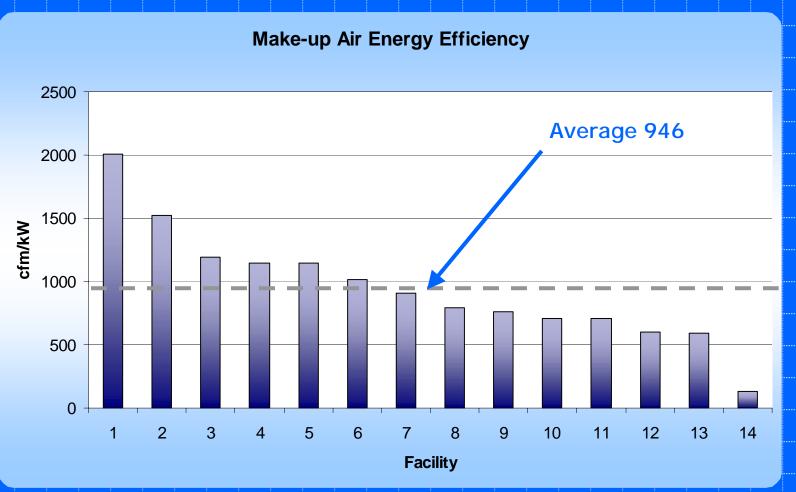
# Recirculation System Efficiency from an Industry Association study



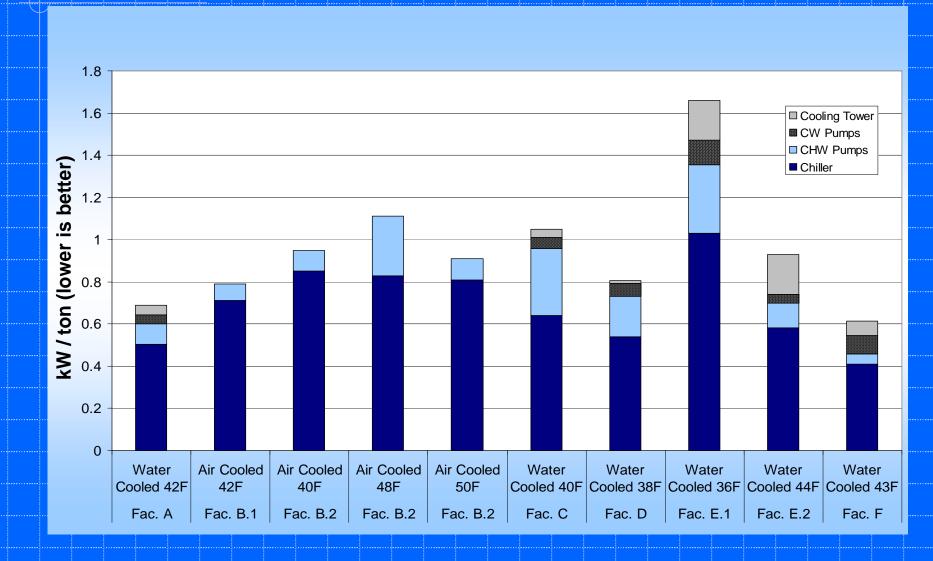
# Make-up Air System Comparison



# Make-up Air System Efficiencies from an Industry Association study



# Chilled Water Systems Efficiencies



# Examine High Performing Systems to Identify "Best Practices"

- System features such as:
  - Low pressure drop
  - Controls
  - Impact of redundancy/standby
- Equipment efficiency such as:
  - Fans, motors, pumps, chillers
- Operating parameters such as:
  - Air change rate, room air velocity, duct or pipe flowrates

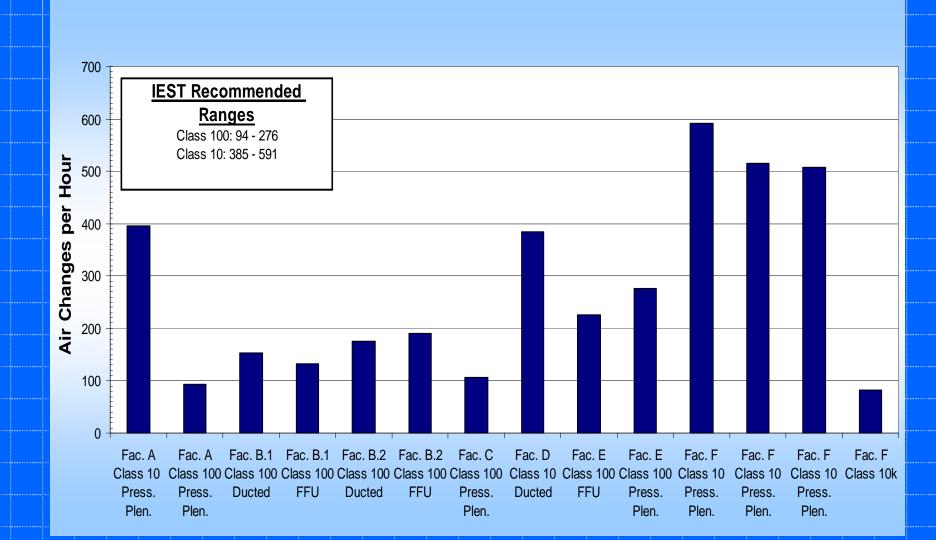
### Recirculation System Efficiency

- Air change rate
  - Air management scheme
    - **Pressurized Plenum**
    - **Ducted HEPA filters**
    - Fan-filter units
    - Others
- Resistance of return air path
- Air handler design (face velocity, coil pressure drop)
- Fan, motor, filter efficiency
- Variable speed control

# Some Designs Create More Flow Resistance Than Others

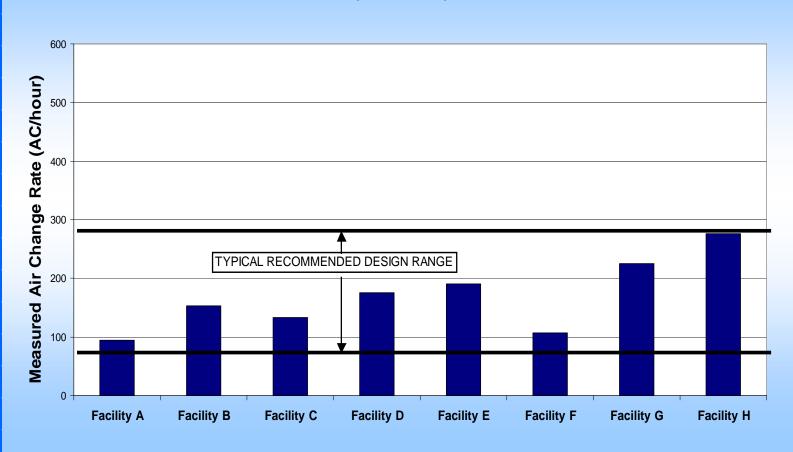


# Air-change Rate Benchmarks



# Closer Look at Air Change Rates

Cleanroom Benchmarking Data ISO Class 5 (Class 100) Cleanrooms



# Air change and velocity choices

IEST recommended recirculation air change rates

 Use of variable speed fans (start low with ability to increase)

- Reduce airflow when unoccupied
- Optimized ceiling filter coverage
- Pressurization/losses

### Make-up System Efficiency

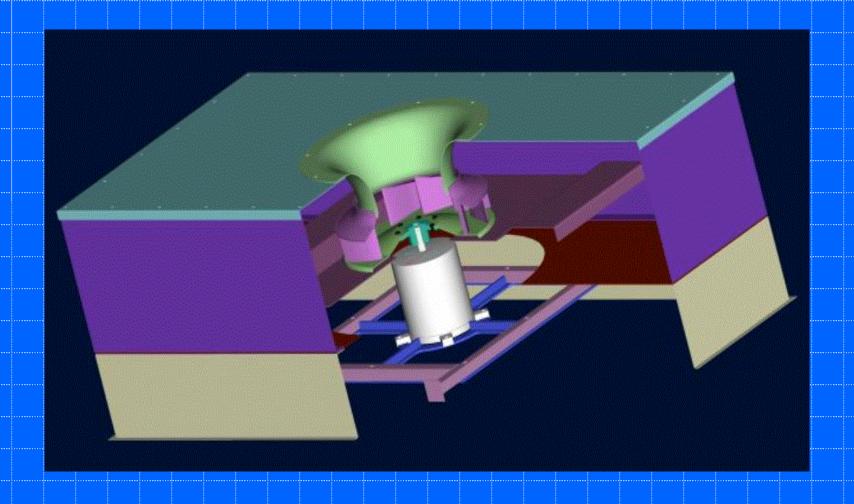
- Adjacency of air handler(s) to cleanroom
- Resistance of make-up air path
- Pressurization/losses
- Air handler face velocity
- Coil pressure drop
- Fan and motor efficiency
- Filter pressure drop
- Variable speed control

### Chilled Water System Efficiency

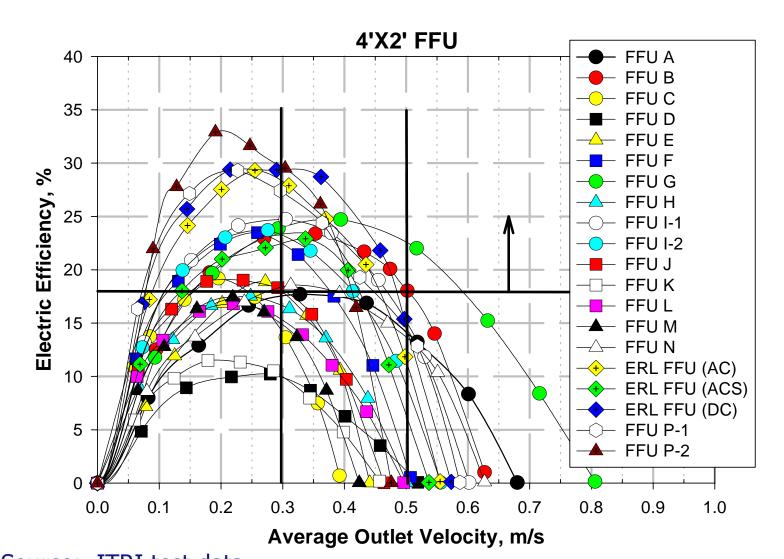
- Free cooling
- Chiller efficiency
- Variable speed chiller
- System pressure drop
- Primary only or primary/secondary
- Efficient pumping
- Water vs. air cooled



# Equipment Efficiencies Vary

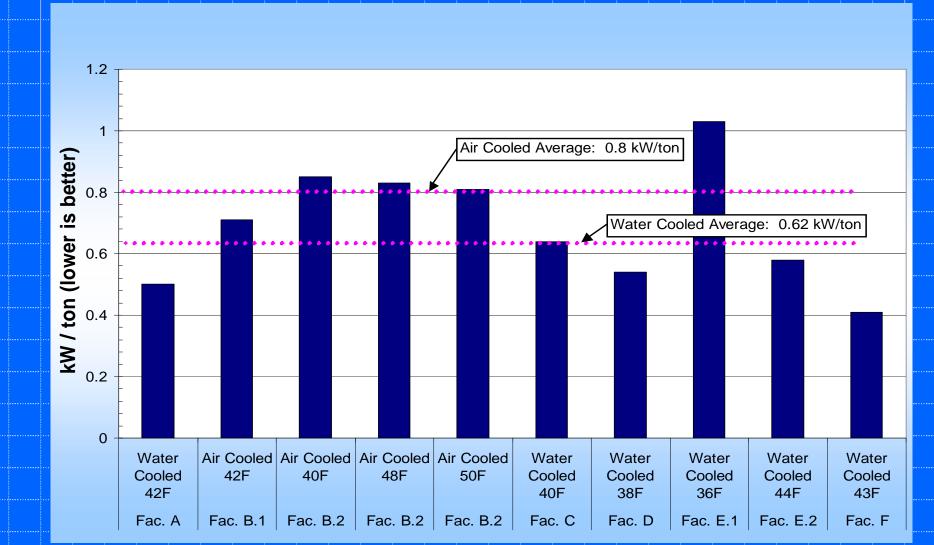


# Fan-Filter Unit Electrical Efficiency Comparison



Source: ITRI test data

#### Chiller efficiencies



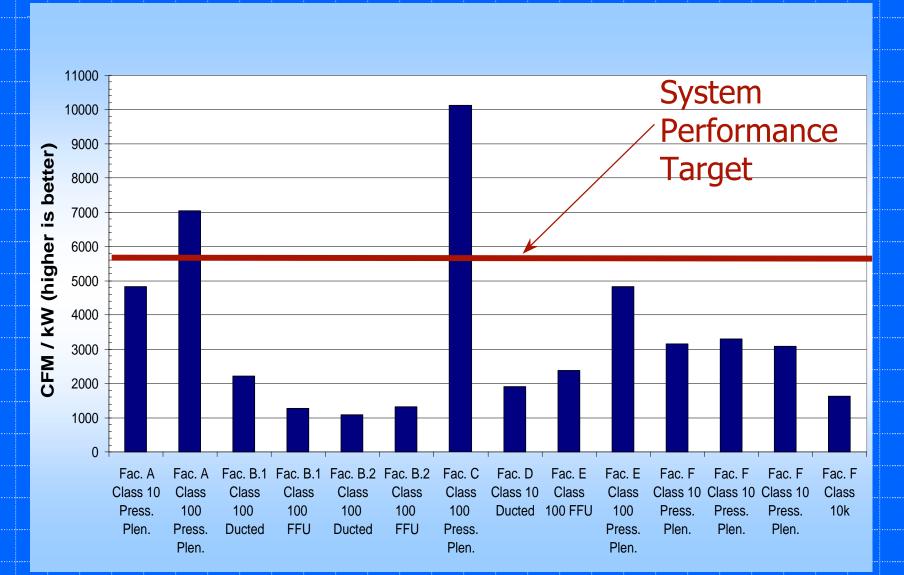
#### Using Benchmarks to Set Goals

Building owners and designers can use energy benchmark data to set efficiency goals.

# Setting Efficiency Goals Based Upon Energy Benchmarks

- Facility and end use "Energy Budgets"
- Efficiency targets and/or design requirements for key systems and components
  - Air change rates
  - Cfm/KW
  - KW/ton
  - System resistance i.e. Pressure drop
  - Face velocities
  - Etc.

# For Example, Set a Recirculation System Target



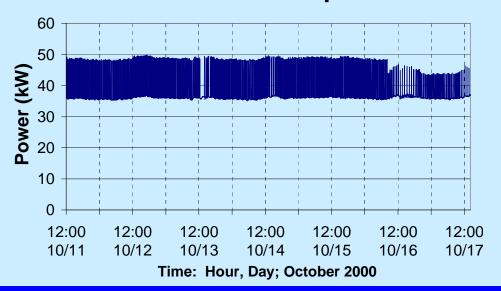
# How Can the Target be Met? Thoughtful System Design...

- System Pressure Drop fan face velocity, duct velocity, chases and plenum sizing, adjacency (minimize lengths), layout (changes of direction)
- ♦ Air change rates
- Ceiling coverage
- Equipment Fans, Motors, Chillers,
   Controls, Filters, floor systems
- Other measures

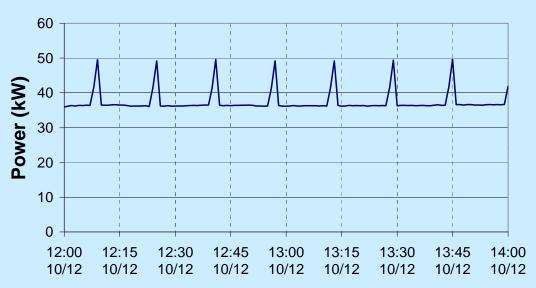
# Benchmarking Provides Other Benefits

- Reliability improvement
  - Controls
  - Setpoints
- Improved maintenance
  - Leaks
  - Motors, pumps, fans
  - Filters
  - Chillers, boilers, etc.
- Safety improvement
  - Detecting hazardous air flow

#### **Chilled Water Pump Power**



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# Cleanroom Benchmarking Observations

- Contamination control can often be obtained with reduced air change rates
- Cleanliness rating is often higher than needed
- Systems are often oversized and operating inefficiently
- Existing guidance for design of efficient chilled water systems is under-utilized
- Criteria based upon rules of thumb should be examined (90ft/min, air change rates, etc.)

#### Conclusion

- Benchmarking can be an effective way to discover efficiency opportunities
- Building owners, operators, and designers can use benchmarks to set criteria
- More robust data is needed in order to identify current "Best Practices"
- If you have benchmark data share it!

# Thank you

Questions?